

**Minutes**  
**Canadian Aviation Historical Society**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Friday 23 June 2023 4:30 pm EDT**  
**By Zoom Video Conference**

1. Call to Order at 4:45 pm EDT.

Thirty two members were present and eight proxies were received. A quorum was present so that business can be conducted.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bert Furlong

Seconded by: Bill Clark

Resolved: Passed

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting dated Thursday 16 June 2022.

Moved by: Mat Joost

Seconded by: Alex Norton

Resolved: Passed

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. No business.

5. Reports

- a. President's Report - Gary Williams - copied below.

- b. Vice President's Report - Gord McNulty - copied below.

- c. Treasurer's Report - Rachel Lea Heide - is available [here](#).

Motion to accept the 2022 auditor's report as our 2022 Finance Report.

Moved by: Rachel Lea Heide

Seconded by: Bert Furlong

Resolved: Passed

- d. Membership Secretary's Report - John Chalmers - John announced that he would retire as membership secretary at the next AGM. John was happy to be the proponent of the museum membership to Canada's aviation museums, and we have been very successful in having aviation museums join as members.

- e. Chapter Reports - motion to waive reading of chapter reports

Moved by: Bill Clark

Seconded by: Mat Joost

Resolved: Passed

Motion to accept the reports.

Moved by: Wes Krause  
Seconded by: Bert Furlong  
Resolved: Passed

6. Appointment of Auditor - motion to appoint Greg McLeod for the 2023-24 fiscal year  
Motion to retain Greg MacLeod as our auditor for 2023-24.

Moved by: Rachel Lea Heide  
Seconded by: Jim Mason  
Resolved: Passed

7. Approval of Actions of Directors and Officers of the CAHS in 2022-23

Moved by: Bob Galway  
Seconded by: Alex Norton  
Resolved: Passed

8. Election of National Directors

The following CAHS members were nominated as national directors:

John Chalmers, Bert Furlong, Rachel Lea Heide, Gord McNulty, Mathias Joost, Richard Mayne, Bill Zuk

Moved to close nominations by: Don MacNeil

Seconded by: Brian Cotter  
Resolved: Passed

9. New Business

Georgian Bay Chapter - Gord McNulty - there is some interest in forming a chapter, The interested members have to meet the requirements of the by-laws.

Moose Factory commemoration - Gord McNulty - Bob Galway will make a proposal at the banquet to garner support.

National Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Day - Gary Williams - a day of recognition is proposed to recognise AMEs. Information will be posted on the website.

Bruce Gowans emphasised the importance of getting the Journal back on schedule, which is now eleven issues behind.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Bert Furlong  
Adjourned at 6:01 pm EDT

Friday June 23, 2023, Kingston, Ontario

Welcome to the 60 th Annual General Meeting for the CAHS. We are here in the beautiful setting of Kingston, Ontario. After four years of holding remote annual meetings, I am very pleased to be able to host our AGM in person as well as via the ZOOM option. It has been an honour to work with all the members of your Board of Directors through the difficult period of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure that the CAHS remains active and relevant to every member of our society.

There have been many challenges over the past year but also many reasons to celebrate. Our convention in Winnipeg last September was a great success. We have been able to publish our electronic newsletter monthly and continue to work towards returning our quarterly Journal back on schedule. The contributions of all our volunteer associate editors, working with our Journal editor, Terry Higgins, is showing positive results moving forward.

As the second longest serving national president, I value your support and freely admit I could not perform my duties without the dedication and contributions of every member of your board. The friendships I have made are very special, and I value every one of them. I look forward to making even more connections as we share our passion for our rich Canadian aviation history together. We have a dedicated group of paid and volunteer individuals that maintain our digital, web, and print presence. Thank you to our Website Administrator/Graphics, Terry Higgins, Webmaster/Data Management, Andrea Wiseman, and E-Newsletter Editor, Katherine Simunkovic.

We received news recently that the CAHS was one of the beneficiaries of the estate of the late Shirley and Gordon Grant. Their donation set us on a sound financial footing for the future and we are very grateful for their contribution to our society along with the many other organizations and charities they felt should benefit from their associations. We have acknowledged their donation with a certificate of appreciation that we are posting on our website, in our e-newsletter, and in the upcoming issues of the Journal.

We have, sadly, lost many dedicated members as they took their final flights from us. Many have been long time members and no one more profoundly than our long-time patron, Robert Bradford, who left us on May 25. His contributions of artwork and support of Canadian aviation history will be missed but we will feel his presence for years to come.

Your national board members are all committed to ensuring the success of the CAHS, and I extend my deep gratitude to each of you for your continued support to fulfill that vision.

Blue Skies,

Gary Williams  
National President, Canadian Aviation Historical Society

## **June 2023 CAHS National AGM Vice President's Report**

It continues to be a pleasure, after eight years as Vice President, to serve with colleagues on the National Executive and Board of the CAHS, the Journal and the online newsletter staff. At the national level, I enjoy contributing reports and photographs for the newsletter. It was especially rewarding to cover the official unveiling in Hamilton last July of a restored Piper Apache flown by the Wong brothers in Toronto for many years. Roberta Lau, daughter of Robert Wong, contacted me in March to request that I write a letter in support of the very worthy nomination of Robert and Tommy Wong to Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame. Roberta provided the speeches made by members of the family at the Apache dedication to bolster the letter, which I recently sent to the CAHF with the endorsement of the CAHS.

Ontario lost an outstanding public servant and aerospace advocate in January with the death of former Lieutenant-Governor David Onley, a friend of mine from Toronto Aerospace Museum days. My wife Angie and I attended the public visitation for David at Queen's Park. An honour guard of Royal Canadian Air Cadets fittingly paid tribute at the casket. I extended condolences to the family on behalf of the CAHS and wrote a report for the newsletter.

Other newsletter articles included coverage of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum's Skyfest Fly-In and Air Force Day events, the Sarnia fly-in, and the CFB Borden Air Show. I also am volunteer copy editor for the CWHM Flight Lines newsletter, for which I contribute photos from my father's collection. The CWHM considered moving this publication to online format only. Volunteer Editor Bill Cumming, myself and other CWHM members, were pleased that the Board decided to keep the printed version. I am strongly in favour of retaining the printed version of the Toronto Chapter Flypast as it ensures a permanent record.

I try to promote the CAHS, participating with other organizations, wherever possible. The connections are helpful on all sides. In May, I enjoyed learning about a planned Memorial Park at Rockcliffe in honour of LCol William G. Barker in a presentation by LCol (Ret'd) Brook Bangsboll of 410 (Ottawa) Wing to the 71 st AGM of the Ontario Group, RCAF Association. A grand opening of the park will be held in June 2024 as part of events recognizing the 100th anniversary of the RCAF.

As a Director of the Toronto Chapter, I continue to write comprehensive Flypast reports on the chapter's meetings. A fine presentation in February by Murray Balzer on Canadian Army Aviation, focusing on L-19 Birddog and Auster aircraft, was especially noteworthy. My father's aviation collection had some additional, excellent photos of Birddogs and Austers. I loaned the photos to Murray after the meeting and he was grateful to receive the pictures for further research.

I was grateful to receive a call in April from Cindy Schweyer, widow of Rob Schweyer, author of the book Final Descent, the crash of an American Airlines DC-3 in southwestern Ontario in

1941. Cindy alerted me to an excellent new play, Lawrence Station, about the crash. My wife Angie and I enjoyed a performance in Strathroy, ON. I'll have an illustrated report in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. Other activities included providing images of mine from the Winnipeg Centennial Air Show in 1974 for Captain (Ret'd) Bettina McCulloch-Drake of 17 Wing/CFB Winnipeg for an official history of the Wing slated for the RCAF Centennial in 2024 and the Wing's Centennial in 2025. I also provided vintage photos of Lancaster Mk. 10 KB882 now being restored at the NAFMC, for Kevin Windsor, Executive Director of the museum, after his presentation on KB882 to the Toronto Chapter in May.

I will continue to contribute reports and photos to the CAHS National and the Toronto Chapter. However, 2023-24 will be my last year as Vice President as I plan to retire from the position at the Annual General Meeting. It is time to provide another member with the opportunity to serve on the Executive and enjoy the rewarding experience of volunteering in the Vice President's position.

Thank you.  
Gord McNulty